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Occupied Germany:

Attached as Appendices "A", "B", and "C" are cases and deaths by Regierungsbezirk and Land and case rates by Regierungsbezirk and Land for the week ending 13 April 1946. Attached as Appendix "D" is a report of Animal Diseases by Regierungsbezirk and Land for the two week period 16—31 March 1946 (Veterinary reports are made semi-monthly).

Communicable Diseases: There has been a decrease in the incidence of diphtheria for the Zone as a whole during the week ending 13 April 1946 with a noticeable decrease in both Bavaria and Wuertemberg-Baden. Only one new case of typhus fever was reported during the week and that was in Berlin.

Hospitalization: Berlin reports an increase of 122 normal beds for the week ending 17 April 1946, making a total of 12 095 normal beds available in the United States Sector of Berlin with a 79.8% occupancy. The POW Hospitals in Goepingen, with 3500 patients, has been reported ready to be turned over to German Public Health and Welfare authorities with the Army retaining control of approximately 1000 beds in order to care for Wehrmacht patients which may arrive from other zones in the future. The 800 bed city hospital in Karlsruhe has been released to German authorities and the Ketterer Sanatorium, with 60 beds, is to be turned over to German civilian authorities for tuberculosis patients. Four hundred additional beds will be available in Bremen as the result of the 121st General Hospital evacuating the military section of St. Josephstift. A former school building has been converted into an excellent hospital making 130 more hospital beds available.

Medical Supplies: Quantities of cots, blankets, and medical supplies, formerly U. S. Army property and now under control of German Public Health authorities were delivered to the Refugee Camp in Wertheim. During the week ending 26 April 1946 Berlin reports receipt of approximately 50 tons of medical supplies including drugs, chemicals, reagents, vaccines, bandaging and dressing materials, surgical instruments, and other hospital equipment from the Captured Enemy Medical Depot at Ihringhausen. Greater Hesse reports the low rate of production of penicillin due to poor native strain of mold, shortage of qualified technicians, lack of glassware, and insufficient experience in production. Land Bavaria estimates 25,000 pounds of DDT powder and 300 hand dusters will be required monthly for the next six months for the dusting of refugees. Bremen reports receipts of 4½ tons of DDT powder as a reserve stock for control measures. Also 400,000 units of Insulin were obtained to alleviate a critical emergency as the result of discontinuance of the supply through normal civilian channels. An estimate of minimum essential medical supplies for Bremen, not obtainable through civilian channels, has been prepared for the CRALOG (US Welfare Representative).

Sanitation: Under present plans the water supply for the Sonnenberg Military Community in the Stuttgart area, will be potable by US Army standards by the time the first American families arrive.

Nutrition: Nutrition surveys have been completed in the towns of Traunstein and Ingolstadt in Land Bavaria, with the result that signs of nutritional deficiency were low and the weights compared favorably with those of American standards. In Ingolstadt no age-consumer group showed more than 5% deviation below American standards for weight and many were above the standard. While 9% of the people showed some sign of nutritional deficiency they were of mild or doubtful character. It is too early to discover effects of the recent official ration cut.

Venereal Disease: Berlin reports that of 1,029 cases of gonorrhea treated during the month ending 15 April 1946, 79% were cured with one series of 200,000 units of penicillin and 95.2% were cured with a second series of 200,000 units. In Land Wuertemberg-Baden permission has been granted by OMGUS to place the distribution of penicillin below Land level entirely in German hands and in Bavaria arrangements are being made to distribute the penicillin through German civilian channels.

Animal Diseases: As in previous periods, the diseases most prevalent among animals are cholera of pigs, erysipelas of pigs, fowl plague, and scabies of horses. The acute outbreak of foot and mouth disease in Regierungsbezirk Wiesbaden was caused by the importation of infected cattle and pigs without proper veterinary examination. Several villages in Dillkreis and Landkreis Wetzlar were initially infected. A strict area quarantine and the usual control measures prevented appreciable spread and the outbreak is believed to be under control.

Communicable Disease Report United States Zone of Germany for Week Ending 13 April 1946

Regierungs- Bezirk	Popu- lation	Cases, Deaths	Reported Number of New CASES and DEATHS of COMMUNICABLE DISEASE																				c: cases	d: deaths			
			Typhus Fever Louse-borne	Relapsing Fever	Smallpox	Cholera	Plague	Anthrax	Diphtheria	Scarlet Fever	Tuberculosis lung and Larynx	Tuberculosis other	Whooping Cough	Meningitis meningococcus	Gonorrhea	Syphilis	Typhoid Fever	Paratyphoid	Dysentery infectious	Bact. Food Poisoning	Undulant Fever	Infectious Jaundice			Scabies	Rabies	Encephalitis epidemic
TOTAL US Zone	15,570,584	c p	1 —	— —	— —	— —	— —	757 36	175 1	699 197	102 23	365 2	10 4	1 —	1978576	81 9	8 —	64 2	1 —	— —	— —	18 3483	— —	2 —	13 —	190 —	9 —
Mainfranken	927,206	c p	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	50 2	9 —	39 8	4 —	9 —	1 —	— —	93 —	47 —	1 3	— —	— —	— —	— —	* 217	— —	— —	3 —	38 —	* —
Ober- and Mittelfranken	2,140,055	c p	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	61 4	43 —	92 26	6 3	71 —	1 —	— —	195 —	71 —	15 —	4 1	— —	— —	2 392	— —	2 —	1 —	23 —	1 —	
Niederbayern and Oberpfalz	1,966,526	c p	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	45 2	7 —	55 18	9 1	— —	1 —	— —	194 —	61 —	16 3	— —	— —	— —	* 388	— —	— —	3 —	* —	* —	
Schwaben	1,018,162	c p	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	30 1	16 —	43 9	4 2	— —	— —	— —	89 —	25 —	3 1	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —
Oberbayern	2,094,785	c p	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	78 5	10 —	74 16	7 2	87 2	1 —	— —	270 —	59 —	4 —	34 —	— —	— —	— —	418 —	— —	— —	1 —	28 —	— —
Kassel	1,042,724	c p	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	59 2	7 —	32 7	11 3	15 —	1 —	— —	149 —	30 —	7 —	— —	— —	— —	1 115	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —
Wiesbaden	1,322,421	c p	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	67 5	14 —	87 14	14 2	35 —	1 —	— —	316 —	105 —	2 2	4 —	— —	— —	— —	45 —	— —	— —	1 —	1 —	— —
Hessen	1,080,779	c p	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	62 2	13 —	59 12	5 1	58 —	— —	— —	108 —	34 —	3 —	1 10	— —	— —	13 257	— —	— —	— —	89 —	4 —	— —
Baden	1,135,775	c p	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	106 4	10 —	55 9	18 1	30 —	2 —	— —	194 —	38 —	2 —	3 —	— —	— —	2 1359	— —	— —	— —	7 —	— —	— —
Württemberg	1,908,151	c p	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	103 6	14 —	55 18	13 5	60 —	2 —	— —	201 —	41 —	7 —	— —	— —	— —	* 292	— —	— —	— —	4 —	4 —	— —
Bremen Port Command \$	473,000	c p	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	45 3	4 —	35 5	8 —	— —	1 —	— —	130 —	45 —	2 —	— —	— —	— —	* 533	— —	— —	— —	15 —	— —	— —
Berlin (Am. Sector)	934,000	c p	1 —	— —	— —	— —	— —	96 3	32 1	108 60	11 3	* —	2 —	— —	169 —	65 —	21 3	9 —	— —	— —	* —	— —	— —	4 —	— —	— —	— —

* No data submitted.

§ Bremen included in report from British Zone - not included in the totals on this report.

APPENDIX "B" Communicable Disease Report (by Land) United States Zone of Germany for Week Ending 13 April 1946

Land	Popu- lation	Reported Number of New CASES and DEATHS of COMMUNICABLE DISEASE																							c: cases		d: deaths				
		Cases, Deaths	Typhus Fever	Louse-borne	Relapsing Fever	Smallpox	Cholera	Plague	Anthrax	Diphtheria	Scarlet Fever	Tuberculosis lung & Larynx	Tuberculosis other	Whooping Cough	Meningitis meningococcus	Poliomyelitis	Gonorrhea	Syphilis	Typhoid Fever	Paratyphoid	Dysentery infectious	Bact. Food Poisoning	Undulant Fever	Infectious Jaundice	Scabies	Rabies	Encephalitis epidemic	Malaria	Influenza	Measles	
Bavaria	8,146,734	C	—	—	—	—	—	—	264	85	303	30	167	2	1	841	263	39	4	38	1	—	2	1415	—	—	2	8	89	1	
Greater Hesse	3,445,924	P	—	—	—	—	—	—	14	—	77	8	2	3	—	—	—	4	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	90	4
Württemberg Baden	3,043,926	P	—	—	—	—	—	—	188	34	178	30	108	2	—	573	169	12	3	14	—	—	14	417	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bremen Port Command	473,000	P	—	—	—	—	—	—	209	24	110	31	90	4	—	395	79	9	1	3	—	—	2	1651	—	—	—	—	11	4	—
Berlin (US Sector)	934,000	P	—	—	—	—	—	—	10	—	27	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	533	—	—	—	15	—	—
		P	1	—	—	—	—	—	45	4	35	8	—	1	—	130	45	—	2	—	—	—	*	*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
		P	—	—	—	—	—	—	96	32	108	11	*	2	—	169	65	21	—	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—

Case Rate Expressed as per 10,000 Population per Annum

Bavaria	8,146,734		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	16.90	5.44	19.39	1.92	10.69	.13	.06	53.82	16.83	2.50	.26	2.43	.06	—	—	.13	90.56	—	.13	.51	5.70	.06
Greater Hesse	3,445,924		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	28.39	5.13	26.88	4.53	16.31	.30	—	86.52	25.52	1.81	.45	2.11	—	—	—	2.11	62.96	—	—	.15	13.59	.60
Württemberg Baden	3,043,926		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	35.74	4.10	18.81	5.30	15.39	.68	—	67.54	13.50	1.54	.17	.51	—	—	—	.34	282.32	—	—	—	1.88	.68
Bremen Port Command	473,000		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	49.46	4.40	38.46	8.79	—	1.10	—	142.87	49.46	—	2.20	—	—	—	—	—	585.77	—	—	—	16.50	—
Berlin (US Sector)	934,000		.56	—	—	—	—	—	—	53.47	17.82	60.16	6.13	—	1.11	—	94.13	36.20	11.70	—	5.01	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.23	—	—

* No data submitted

APPENDIX "C"

Communicable Disease Rates United States Zone of Germany
for Week Ending 13 April 1946

Regierungs- Bezirk	Popu- lation	Typhus Fever Louise borne	Relapsing Fever	Smallpox	Cholera	Plague	Anthrax	Diphtheria	Scarlet Fever	Tuberculosis lung and Larynx	Tuberculosis other	Whooping Cough	Meningitis meningococcus	Gonorrhea	Syphilis	Typhoid Fever	Paratyphoid	Dysentery infectious	Bact. Food poisoning	Undulant Fever	Infectious Jaundice	Scabies	Rabies	Encephalitis epidemic	Malaria	Influenza	Measles
Total US Zone	15,570,584	0.03	—	—	—	—	—	24.98	5.7823.07	3.37	12.05	0.330.03	65.27	19.01	2.672.26	2.11	0.03	—	0.59	114.94	—	0.07	4.33	6.27	0.30		
Mainfranken	927,206	—	—	—	—	—	—	28.05	5.0521.88	2.24	5.05	—	52.17	26.38	0.561.68	—	—	—	—	121.74	—	—	1.68	21.32	*		
Ober- and Mittelfranken	2,140,055	—	—	—	—	—	—	14.82	10.4522.35	1.46	17.25	0.240.24	47.38	17.25	3.64	—	0.97	0.24	—	0.49	95.26	—	0.49	0.24	5.59	0.24	
Niederbayern and Oberpfalz	1,966,526	—	—	—	—	—	—	11.88	1.8514.52	2.37	—	—	—	51.22	16.10	4.22	—	—	—	—	102.43	—	—	0.79	*	*	
Schwaben	1,018,162	—	—	—	—	—	—	15.33	8.1821.97	2.04	—	—	—	45.43	12.78	1.530.51	—	—	—	*	*	—	—	*	*		
Oberbayern	2,094,785	—	—	—	—	—	—	19.34	2.4818.35	1.73	21.57	0.25	—	66.96	14.63	0.99	—	8.43	—	—	103.66	—	—	0.25	6.94	—	
Kassel	1,042,724	—	—	—	—	—	—	29.44	3.4915.97	5.49	7.48	0.50	—	74.35	14.97	3.49	—	—	—	0.50	57.38	—	—	—	*	*	
Wiesbaden	1,322,421	—	—	—	—	—	—	26.33	5.5034.19	5.50	13.75	0.39	—	124.19	41.26	0.790.79	1.57	—	—	—	17.68	—	—	0.39	0.39	—	
Hessen	1,080,779	—	—	—	—	—	—	29.82	6.2528.38	2.41	27.90	—	—	51.95	16.35	1.440.48	4.81	—	—	6.25	—	—	—	*	*		
Baden	1,135,775	—	—	—	—	—	—	48.55	4.5825.19	8.24	13.74	0.92	—	88.85	17.40	0.92	—	1.37	—	0.92	622.92	—	—	—	3.21	—	
Württemberg	1,908,151	—	—	—	—	—	—	28.12	3.8215.02	3.55	16.38	0.55	—	54.87	11.19	1.910.27	—	—	—	*	79.72	—	—	—	1.09	1.09	
Bremen Port Command	\$ 473,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	49.46	4.4038.46	8.80	—	1.10	—	142.87	49.46	—	2.20	—	—	—	505.77	—	—	—	16.48	—	
Berlin (Am. Sector)	934,000	0.56	—	—	—	—	—	53.47	17.8260.16	6.13	*	1.11	—	94.13	36.20	11.70	—	5.01	—	*	*	—	—	2.23	—	—	

*No data submitted.

§ Bremen included in reports from British Zone — Not included in totals on this report.
(Rates Expressed as per 10,000 per Annum)

Incidence of Communicable Animal Diseases in United States Zone

of Germany for Period 16—31 March 1946

(Summarized from semi-monthly reports of Regierungsbezirkstierärzte)

Figures are numbers of farms newly infected during the period.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27																	
Regierungsbezirk	Anthrax	Blackleg	Cholera of pigs	Cholera of fowl	Cottal vesicular exanthema of cattle	Contagious pleuropneumonia of cattle	Dourine of horses	Encephalomyelitis of pigs	Encephalomyelitis of horses	Erysipelas of pigs	Foot-and-mouth disease	Glanders	Infectious abortion of cattle	Infectious abortion of sheep	Infectious anemia of horses	Malignant edema of cattle	Plague of fowls	Pox of sheep	Rabies	Scabies of cattle	Scabies of horses	Scabies of sheep	Strangles of horses	Trichomoniasis of cattle	Tuberculosis of cattle																		
	Total US Zone 1-15 Feb 46	2		87			1			200	3		16		31		280			4	523	20		12	2																		
	Total US Zone 16-28 Feb 46			24				4	1	155	1		13		20		338			1	437	13		22	1																		
	Total US Zone 1-15 Mar 46			20						114	1		6		26		169				275	136	5		17	1																	
	Total US Zone 16-31 Mar 46			16	1				2	116	46	1	11		10		246					333	4		16	1																	
Land Bavaria	Land Bavaria		2	1	1					81		1	11		3		246				302	3		16																			
	Mainfranken				1					8											4																						
	Ober- und Mittelfranken									29							58				13																						
	Nied.-Bayern & Oberpfalz		2							23						1	143				219	1																					
	Schwaben									9			10		2						18	2		16																			
	Oberbayern									12		1	1				45				47																						
	Land Greater Hesse		14							18	39				3						17																						
	Kassel		14							5					2						14																						
	Wiesbaden									8	39				1						3																						
	Hessen									5																																	
Land Württemberg-Baden	Land Württemberg-Baden									17					4						8	1			1																		
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	Württemberg									2	14				3							6	1																				
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